

CALL TO ACTION ON WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY:



CAN WE ACCEPT FIVE BOEING CRASHES EACH DAY IN INDIA? When Institute of Medicine, USA reported in 1998/99 (To err is human) that about 100,000 lives are lost each year in America due to unsafe care in hospitals, the message was a clear call to action: Can U.S accept one Boeing crash each day? Certainly not. But that is what it amounts to the number of lives lost each day, about 250 -300 per day! Then, every one took notice that resulted in building safe health systems. Twenty years later, when we pause and analyze Indian hospital safety scenario, we should ask the rhetorical question: Can we accept 5 Boeing crashes each day in India? The answer is a resounding 'NO'. Based on our estimate, implementing hospital safety and patient safety system, we can avert 500,000 deaths each year in India.

On this World Patient Safety Day, let us commit to avert 5 Boeing crashes each day in India!

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